

LINK

ISSUE FOR JANUARY 2020

DELIVERY OF THE LINK MAGAZINE

Following the notice in the Link last month we are very pleased to say that we now have a volunteer to deliver to the houses on the Aughton Wood development (former Bargh's site on Hornby Road).

We would be pleased to hear from further volunteers to deliver to:

- the new houses on the Sycamore development in Brookhouse. These are approximately 14 properties currently occupied and this number will obviously grow during 2020.

- Artlebeck Road, Grove and Close (approximately 90 properties in total) or part of this area.

If you are willing to help with delivery to either of the above please contact Marilyn Davis on 01524 771146.

PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk:- Gill Mason - 07882 949110. E-mail - catonparishcouncil@gmail.com

VANDALISM - In recent months people in all parts of the villages have suffered anti-social behaviour, vandalism and damage to cars. The police tell us that the first step should always be to report the problem to them, and to get an incident number. Even if they don't attend, having a report allows them to build up a picture and perhaps to patrol more frequently. If you can take photos of the offenders, so much the better. The Parish Council has already complained to the Police Commissioner for Lancashire about the lack of a police presence in the rural areas, and we have been told that more staff will be allocated to the Lune Valley. Meanwhile, keep reporting to the Police!

DRAINS - Lancashire Highways were out in the villages in late November and cleaned out some drains thoroughly. As ever, the message is to keep reporting problems with blocked drains, potholes and other problems on the roads to Lancashire Highways.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - The next Parish Council meeting is on Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7.15pm in the Victoria Institute. At the start of the meeting there is an Open Forum when residents can raise issues of local concern.

DEFIBRILLATOR - The defibrillator at St Paul's School has now been installed and is ready for use. Suitable for adults and children. If it is needed for an emergency instructions will be given automatically by the equipment. However training sessions will be organised in the spring.

CATON GALA - 13th JUNE 2020

A happy and healthy new year to you all. Before long the snowdrops will begin to peek from the earth as a gentle reminder that Gala day draws ever closer. As you know Caton Gala 2020 will take place on Saturday the 13th June 2020. The theme will be "The Circus".

Our December meeting was largely confined to "admin" so sadly there is nothing exciting to report.

We would love to welcome new members to the organising committee, if you can assist in any way, please contact Wendy Strickland (07855 590004) or Rosemary Horner (01524 770036). They can, as can all committee members, also be contacted by e-mail at "catongala.co.uk" or via our Facebook page.

The next meeting will be held at 8:00 PM on Wednesday the 8th January 2020 at the Station Hotel in Caton. All are welcome.

ALBANIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

On 26th November my wife, Ruth, and I were in Albania and experienced a 6.4 magnitude earthquake which caused devastation. 51 people were killed, approximately 2000 people injured and 4000 people made homeless. Brookhouse Methodist Church has supported a children's centre in Durres for many years and two of our staff have lost their homes. At our variety show on 7th December we began an appeal which has so far raised over £2000 and further donations are coming in. Thank you to all who have given to support this needy cause.

If anyone would like to give, donations can be made to Brookhouse Methodist Church or you can contact me for further information on 770605. David Midwinter

LOCAL NEWS OF CATON & BROOKHOUSE

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7.00 pm: Evening Service

Caton Methodist Brookhouse Road

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CATON AND BROOKHOUSE FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Our first winter meeting in the Victoria Institute in November was a really hearty hot pot and a choice of four desserts followed by a very competitive quiz. A big thank you goes to the caterer, Julia Parker for looking after us so well. What better way to enjoy a cold afternoon with friends. Our year ended with the Christmas party. We enjoyed a two course meal with drinks and entertainment by the 'Eversong' singers.

We start the New year with our A.G.M on the 16th January 2pm in the Victoria Institute, followed by tea and mince pies. The cost to renew your annual membership is £5.00, come along and pick up your new programme of trips and events. There will not be an admission fee for this meeting. For further information please call our secretary Benita on 01524 771943

CATON LEISURE CLUB

The very popular chair exercises continue with Norma, Mondays 9.00-10.00 in the main hall. Leisure Club membership is required at £5.00pa with weekly class fees of £2.00 per session. Afterwards why not pop next door to the Thomas Storey Room to hear one of the speakers and of course a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

6th - David Talbot; "Falkland Islands & Antarctica". Focused particularly on the wildlife of the Southern Ocean and the Falklands, intertwined with the story of Shackleton's 1914-17 Trans Antarctic Expedition and the journey from Elephant Island to South Georgia. David lives in Silverdale is an active member of Arnside & District Natural History Society and a volunteer with National Trust and Butterfly Conservation. He returns to give us another one of his memorable talks.

13th - John Watson; "China Old & New":

20th - Janet Dearden; " Go & Work a Miracle" Janet is a local girl living in Hornby. Her talk is about her job as the director of a language school in Khartoum in the Sudan. As part of her role she recruited teachers to help the people improve their English. She describes it as 'quite an experience'.

27th - Norman Harris; " Sailing the Atlantic with the Jubilee Sailing Trust" The JST is a charity which sails a magnificent 500 ton square rigged ship which enables able bodied and disabled people to share the experience of sailing and working together. His talk tells all about the sailing and the enjoyment they had sharing the incredible experience.

Caton Short Mat Bowls meets on Thursdays at the Victoria Institute 10.00-12.00. during the Winter months (October – April), in the Main Hall. New members welcome. If you would like to join us then contact David on 01524 812342 or just turn up.

For further information call Susan on 01524 771862 or check out the website <http://www.catonvillage.org.uk/caton-leisure-club>

CATON THEATRE INTEREST GROUP

I will report back on our January pantomime, Peter Pan at the Grand theatre Blackpool in the next issue. I can promise there will have been plenty of 'swash and buckle'

Our next theatre visit will be to the Theatre by the Lake in Keswick, for a matinee performance on Saturday 2nd May 2020 of the powerful and moving story of Eva Peron in the musical 'Evita', music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice.

Cost for coach and a seat at the front of the balcony is £32.00. Please ensure payment by The 7th of March 2020 to secure your booking.

To book or for further information call Jean on 01524 770980 or Benita on 01524 771943

CATON WI

Calling all Women – your WI needs you!

Caton WI was started almost 100 years ago. We shall be celebrating our Centenary in 2021, that is if we make it so far. For some reason, many women feel they are not old enough to belong to WI but that could not be further from the truth. In fact most of the newest WI's have mainly been started by young women. The WI can inspire and enrich the lives of all women who wish to play an active role in their communities, widen their horizons and learn new skills. Furthermore, the WI aims to encourage women to play their part in the community and influence policy and decision makers in trying to secure a fair and sustainable future for our own and the next generations.

So why not come along, bring your friends and find out more about Caton WI. Our next meeting will be in the Victoria Institute on 9th January starting at 7.30pm. That evening we shall be holding an auction to raise money for the Bowland Rescue team who, not long ago, were called upon to rescue one of our members from the banks of the river Lune! Obviously the more people who attend, the more money we should raise, so bring your unwanted Christmas presents and any item you might have been hoarding but don't really want!

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Email addresses for:- Secretary - sec@victoria-institute.org.uk; Chair - chair@victoria-institute.org.uk.; Treasurer - treas@victoria-institute.org.uk

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CLOSURE DAYS - The library and IT room will close at 3pm on Friday 20th December and re-open at 9:30 am on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

FLOODSAX FOR SALE - Floodsax are available for sale from the Victoria Institute. The cost is £5.50 per sack, £27.50 for a pack of five. The recommendation is for 5 floodsax per property, two each for the front and back door and one for use in the toilet. Please contact Peter for more information.

BUSINESSES, TRADES & SERVICES - The Victoria Institute has allocated a display board for businesses, trades and services to promote themselves. Please leave your A5 poster, business cards etc. with Peter at the Institute.

FREE TO ADVERTISE 'FOR SALE' BOARD - People are selling items for free on the notice board in the Victoria Institute. Collect a form from Peter in the Library/IT Room to advertise your items.

EMERGENCY CENTRE - The Victoria Institute is our village's Emergency Centre. If there are problems such as flooding, long periods without mains water, or power cuts, the Victoria Institute will be staffed and you'll be able to get practical help and information.

ROOM HIRE - Have your party, meeting or special event at the Victoria Institute.

We have a modern, fully equipped kitchen including a six ring gas hob stove, dishwasher and hot cupboard. We also have information on Caterers for your convenience.

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DROP IN SERVICES LIBRARY & IT ROOM - The Library and IT Room is open 9.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday and has a good range of books. There are a small number of jigsaws that can also be borrowed.

We have 5 computers with Internet access and a 'multi-function' printer which also serves as a photocopier and scanner. Paper sizes A4 and A3 can be printed or copied in mono and full colour. You also can bring along your laptop or tablet and connect to our Wi-Fi (for the same IT costs). We have a paper shredder to dispose of your confidential and unwanted documents.

FAIRTRADE TEA & COFFEE - The Cottam Room is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 3.00pm.

A mug of Fairtrade tea or coffee and a biscuit is only 80p, local newspapers are available.

HERE TO HELP - Peter Collins, our Community Support Worker is here to help. Peter will help with a variety of admin tasks and on-line services.

GET IN TOUCH - For all queries, including hiring the Victoria Institute please contact:-

Peter Collins the Community Support Worker at the Institute on 01524 771733

We are open between 9.30am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday; there is a telephone answering service out of hours, holiday closure dates displayed on our website: You can email us on: admin@victoria-institute.org.uk: Further information can be found at our website: www.victoria-institute.org.uk: Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/victoria.institute.caton/>

BURNS SUPPER - TWINNING GROUP

At the time of writing there are still some tickets available for the Burns Supper at The Victoria Institute on Friday 24th January. Tickets have always sold out in previous years so don't leave it too late!

Ask at the Post Office, Peter at the Institute or Tricia at tricia@marybankfarm.uk £25 for a traditional meal, speeches and dancing to the Caton Folk Band, £10 for under 14s, bring your own drinks.

All profits go to paying for Children's seats on the coach to Socx next year (probably in July) – if you are interested in joining us for what is always a great few days with amazing hospitality please contact Tricia as above.

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Supporting good causes - We were pleased to support many good causes both nationally and locally during the Autumn term. We had lots of fun including dressing up as super heroes, running lots of laps round our cinder track, making and eating cakes, colouring competitions, maths challenges and a reverse Advent calendar, raising funds for JDFR Diabetes, Children in Need, St John's Hospice, Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal and Lancaster Homeless Action. A big thank you to everyone who has supported our events and helped us to raise nearly £1000 for good causes.

Eco Committee have been very busy writing and carrying out an assembly to share the importance of being eco, making Christmas wrapping paper to sell at our fayre and carrying out their usual duties of litter picking, checking the lights and taps are off, encouraging less paper usage and recently they hosted a textile recycling event. We have raised over a £100 which we intend to spend on helping more birds and creatures feel welcome in our school grounds, bug hotels, hedgehog house, and bird feeders.

Our new topic for Spring term will be "To infinity and beyond". There will be lots of exciting learning opportunities designing and making rockets, creating artwork in the style of Van Gogh's starry night, learning about people who have been to the moon as well as taking part in an astronaut training camp.

Polite reminder - We are experiencing problems with dog fouling on our school field which is causing a hazard for our children. We respectfully request that dogs are not brought onto school grounds at any time. Thank you for helping keep our children safe.

CATON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy new year from all at Caton Primary School!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas events. Our community lunch was very well attended and followed by fabulous entertainment from the infant children performing in their production of Lights, Camel, Action.

Our Christmas fair, organised by the PTA, was a great success, raising £1600. December was a busy time for trips: Class 1 visited Leighton Moss as part of their learning about habitats and the whole school enjoyed a brilliant trip to Peter Pan at Blackpool Grand Theatre (Oh yes we did!).

Our children have raised a lot of money for charity over the last few weeks. They all took part in a sponsored Maths Megathon which raised £600 for Children in Need and they also raised almost £200 for St John's Hospice and the NSPCC.

Our lovely new meeting and wellbeing room is now open in the sports hall building, thanks to the generosity of The Link and our PTA. It is available for community use - contact Tracey Howarth in the school office for further information.

CATON WITH LITTLEDALE PLAY PARK ACTION GROUP

For all families and friends of children who enjoy Fell View Play Park..... The award winning design features, which make the Play Park so popular and attractive, are under threat! Please help to protect them and the future fun and well-being of our kids.

Please get in touch if you would like to be one of our user group! We also need more trustees (2 or 3 meetings a year) and a new treasurer if we are to go ahead with projects, such as enlarging the play park (plans are ready!) or with other outdoor facilities for our villages (eg trim trail, or provision for teens).

Contact our facebook page or for more details and meeting dates - or email cplaypark@gmail.com.

PAINTING GROUP

The painting group meets again in Friday 17th & 31st January at Brookhouse Methodist Church from 1.30-3.30pm. We are a friendly group and everyone is welcome whatever their level of skill.

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HORNBY PENSIONERS ASSOCIATION

Coffee Morning This will be a good chance to get together for refreshments & a catch-up after the festive break: 10am – 12 noon on Saturday, 11th January, in Hornby Institute. There will be a raffle and a bring & buy stall, plus Kath will be taking membership enrolments for 2020. New members especially welcome.

A.G.M. Yes, it's soon going to be that time of year again, when we are looking back at past events & planning for the coming year. This meeting, at 7pm on Tuesday, 11th February, in Hornby Institute, is also when we appoint the committee for 2020. It would be wonderful if YOU would consider joining us, to help keep our organisation going a little longer. If you are at all interested, please talk to Kath Helme (Chair), Eileen Barton (Treasurer) or Annie Stephens (Social Secretary), who will be only too pleased to answer your queries. Immediately after this (hopefully) short meeting we will have our annual:

Jacob's Join Supper This is a very popular occasion, when members bring a contribution (sweet or savoury) to share in a communal meal. Bring whatever you like & just enough for one healthy appetite. It doesn't sound much but this generally generates a varied & tasty spread.

Games Evenings Our Whist & Dominoes evenings in Hornby Institute over the next 2 months will be on Saturdays the 14th & 28th December and 11th & 25th January, starting at 7pm prompt. Admission (including light refreshments & 2 free raffle tickets) is only £2. Everybody very welcome.

And Finally Sincere Best Wishes from your committee to all our members for a very happy festive season and a healthy 2020.

MOVIES IN THE PEWS

The next 3 months dates for Movies In The Pews 2020 are January 10th, February 14th and March 13th

For further information please contact Sue or Helen by email on moviesinthepews@gmail.com

VE DAY 75 CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020

The Victoria Institute is proposing to celebrate, educate and commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) day. (Note this is the May Day Bank Holiday this year). The idea is to travel back in time to recreate something of the atmosphere of those days - Union flag flying, bunting on the buildings, and period costumes. We would like local people to lend or donate photographs or films that celebrated VE day to display in the Institute. Of particular interest are photographs of local people and places. Have you got any memorabilia including household items, ration books, newspapers, uniforms from the time? Do you know anyone who would come and tell their story to the community or just be there on the day in uniform/costume? Are you a local business that would like to participate? Then get in touch. We welcome any suggestions as we would like to make the day entertaining, fun, and as real as possible, a day where the whole community comes together. If you would like to help us to organise the event, then you would be made most welcome.

Contact Peter at the Institute or Susan 771862

CATON AND BROOKHOUSE GARDENING CLUB

Thanks to all who turned out on election night, to Philip who organised the seed recognition quiz and to John who chaired gardeners question time. It was excellent that we had lots of questions and lots of answers. It was the perfect number there and we hope you all had a good time.

Our next event was to have been the festive meal in January. But with the temporary, we hope, closure of the Black Bull we will now postpone till the summer and arrange a get together then.

A Happy New Year to you all from the Committee of the Gardening Club.

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The next Coffee Morning will be at the Parish Hall on the 5th of February 2020 at 10.30. As usual there will be a raffle, a quiz, as well as a number of stalls displaying a range of produce at reasonable prices. It will give people the opportunity to meet friends and neighbours for a chat. You are most welcome to join us for a coffee, tea or cold drink as well as biscuits.

The December Coffee Morning raised £158.51 for the Church Funds.

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO COFFEE MORNING IN JANUARY

CRAFTY TOTS

Crafty Tots is a fortnightly toddler group held in Caton Baptist church.

Sessions start at 9:30am until 10:30am and are open to pre school children from the age of 18 months +. Come and join us for crafts, stories and singing with a brew for the mums (and dads or grandparents)

To book a place email catorcrafytots@gmail.com or contact Laura on 01524 771371. The cost will be £2.50.

The dates for January are 15th and 29th.

SATURDAY SOCCER AND NETBALL

Saturday soccer and netball will now be running monthly rather than weekly, the first Saturday of each month. If you have never been before we meet at Caton Community School playing field/Sports Hall 10 - 12 noon. Football is for children aged 7 - 14 years and netballers aged 9 - 13 years.

Please make sure you have the correct foot wear. A drink and biscuit will be provided, cost is £1.

The date for January is **4th**. Please come along and join in the fun!

BIBLE TEACHING WEEKEND 11th AND 12th JANUARY

Caton Baptist Church Anniversary Bible Teaching weekend 11th and 12th January when Mr Seidel Boanerges who lectures at Spurgeons College in London, previously at Capernwray Hall will be our speaker. On Saturday evening there will be two studies - 6pm and 7:30pm. Feel free to come to both or just one if that's best for you.

Refreshments will be served in between the two sessions.

On Sunday Seidel will speak at the 10:30am service followed by a bring and share lunch. Please come along and share with us as we celebrate our Church anniversary.

LUNE VALLEY SWIFTS

Last summer the group put in over 100 volunteer hours to identify at least 30 different swift nest sites in Caton and Brookhouse, showing that the area is still a stronghold for swifts. Our mission is to protect these amazing birds by raising awareness and putting up more swift nest boxes.

Swifts are only with us for about three months each summer. At the moment they will be enjoying the warmth of east Africa having migrated there in August/September! They will return to us to breed in May and need plenty of nest sites to arrive back to.

In 2020, with the help of a grant from Champion Bowland, we'll be putting up demonstration swift boxes on community buildings in the parish and trying to encourage as many residents as possible to do the same.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 12th February at The Station, Caton. Look out for more info about our meetings and events this year in the **LINK**.

If you think you may have swifts nesting in your property it is very important to protect any existing nest sites - they may have been used by the same pair of birds for many years. This is particularly important if you are having any work done on your house. We can provide advice to help you. Or would you like to instal a swift nest box ready for the nesting season? Or just join our friendly group to help out and be part of something positive to help wildlife? Everyone is welcome - just come along to a meeting or get in touch by emailing us lunevalleyswifts@gmail.com or following us on Facebook.

There is also lots of information about swifts and how to help them on the Swift Conservation website: www.swift-conservation.org

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Our Sunday services:- 10:30am and 6:30pm. A warm welcome to everyone.. Children's Church is for children 3 - 14 and runs during the morning service. An all age family service is every second Sunday of the month at 10:30am.

Ladies Meeting:- Our ladies meeting is held fortnightly on a Wednesday, in the Sunday School room at 2pm. After the service light refreshments are served when you can enjoy a chat over your cup of tea. This is such a friendly group and a very warm welcome is extended to all. If you haven't been before and would like a lift please contact Judith on 01524 770872.

The dates for January are 8th - Rev Roy Burley, 22nd - Mrs Dorothy Aldren.

Alf Club:- (All about Life and Faith) is a group for primary aged children which is held in the Sunday School room from 6 - 7pm every Thursday (term time only) The hour is packed full of games, DVDs, stories, refreshments, crafts and lots of fun. Come along and bring your friends. We are back again 16th January.

Bridge Cafe:- Open on the first Friday of each month. - 10:30 to 12 noon. Come and enjoy a toasted teacake with your tea/coffee. Come and go as you please or stay the whole morning and enjoy catching up with your friends. All welcome.

The date for this month will be **Friday 3rd January**.

CATON METHODIST CHAPEL

Weekly Sunday Service:- 10:30am With Sunday School and coffee

All Age Worship:- Sunday 5th January 10:30am, with Jim Hutchinson of Littledale. With coffee and biscuits

Saturday Soup :- Saturday 11th January 12:30pm. Enjoy soup and homemade cakes with Friends. Everyone welcome £3.00 per person.

Bible Study:- 13th and 27th January 7pm With Rev Andrew Champley. Finishing with Hot Chocolate.

Crafts @ Caton:- Change of day to Thursdays - Thursday 30th January 10-12

Come with your knitting and crocheting and enjoy a chat over a coffee

BROOKHOUSE METHODIST CHURCH

Our Sunday services are at 10.45am and 7pm.

Please come and join us - everyone welcome. Junior Church, which is for children from 3 to 14, is during the morning service and finishes at approximately 12.15pm. There is also a creche for the under 3s.

Tiddlywinks - Every Thursday morning from 10 to 11.30am and is £1 per family. 0-4 year olds please bring a responsible adult with you!

Meet To Eat - 10th Jan 2020. If you would like to come but need a lift please call Tom Mason on 770257.

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Holy Mass: Weekends: Saturday 6.00 pm (Vigil Mass) Our Lady's Caton: Sunday 9.00 am – St. Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale: 11.00 am St. Mary's Hornby. Holy Mass:

Weekdays...see Parish Newsletter (Copy in Church porch)

Confessions: Before Masses & at St. Peter's Cathedral – Saturday 11.00 – 12 noon 5.45 pm – 6.15pm Children's Liturgy – Each Sunday during 11.00am Mass except 1st Sunday of the month.

OASIS CAFE

Oasis Café is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9.00am to 2.00pm at Brookhouse Methodist Church.

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Brookhouse News - There have been further connections on Moorside Road during December. If you live on Moorside Road and would like a B4RN connection please go to b4rn.org.uk/postcode-checker to start the ball rolling.

We hope to be doing some digging on the north side of Brookhouse Road late December/early January – watch out for details.

Next meeting is on **Thursday 9th January** at 7.30pm hopefully in the Black Bull. If it is closed go on to 15 Caton Green Road just around the corner. This meeting will be for both Brookhouse North and South.

Caton News - The ducting has been completed to get Caton Primary School connected. We are just waiting for fibre blowing and slicing teams to do their stuff!! Planning permission has been granted for our cabinet at Caton Primary School.

We look forward to 2020 being the year when Caton residents start being connected world beating, future proof hyper-fast fibre broadband.

Next meeting, **Monday 13th January**, The Station Hotel, 8.00pm.

VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB

Would you enjoy the opportunity for good food and good company once a month? Join us at the Village lunch club. All welcome.

Phone Sue on 771559 to get details, book a place and to ask about transport.

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To discover more about how to become a volunteer room guide we are holding a Taster Day to be held 21st February, 10am – 12.30pm in Sizergh Castle.

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A brief thank you to all the residents who decorated their houses for Christmas, from the simple beauty of a Christmas Tree in a bay window to the colourful displays on the outside of many homes they all put a smile on many faces and contributed to the spirit of Christmas. Anon.

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